

MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board

MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

June 5, 2007

Santa Clara Rec Center
1008 Santa Clara Pl
San Diego, CA 92109

Mailing address is:
Park and Recreation Department
Developed Regional Parks
2125 Park Blvd.
Attn: Mission Bay Park Manager
San Diego, CA 92101

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
Bob Otilie	Karl Jaedtke	Susan Gonzales
Rick Bussell	Mohsen Khaleghi	Sharon Knutson
Pam Glover	Mike Pallamary	Paul Jacob
Ted Jardine	Chris Rink	Jim Barwick
Ryan Levinson (Late)	Catherine Strohlein	
Richard Miller		
Mindy Pellissier		
Donald Peterson		
Judy Swink		

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairperson Bob Otilie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved/seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2007 meeting. (Jaedtke/Jardine 8-0-1 (Bissel/Peterson- (1) Abstain-Glover)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Acting Chairperson Bob Otilie responded to inquiries regarding the Appointment of the new members of the Mission Bay Park Committee. It was mentioned that the selection goes in front of the City Council on June 11, 2007 for approval. Bob Otilie mentioned that in case the new appointees do not hear from the Mayor's office after that date, they should contact City Council.

STAFF REPORT

Mission Bay Park District Manager Susan Gonzales spoke about the illegal signs that have been showing up at the fenced in area next to the Least Tern area. The signs are being taken down by Park Rangers as they go up. Sue also announced the departure of Mauro Garcia, Developed Regional Parks Deputy Director to the City of Santee and the announcement of Kathleen Hasenauer as the Acting Deputy Director until a replacement is found.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mark Goldstein – San Diego Humane Society: Wanted to say thank you to the committee and to Developed Regional Parks for allowing the “Walk for Animals” to take place at Crown Point Shores Park. He said the walk was very successful and would like to use the park again next year.

Debra Madden: Spoke on the need for off leash dog parks. She also gave information regarding dog parks in various cities of the United States.

Billy Paul: Mr. Paul would like to see the “Communication” item on the agenda stay at the beginning of the meetings for ease of public attendance.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REVIEW

PCG Campbell – Gary Phelps: Company would like the Mission Bay Park Committee to approve of their plan to use the Sunrunner Parking Lot August 10 through August 27, 2007 to set up a simulated off road course to introduce new Volvo.

- Private event sponsored by Volvo for top sales people
- Participants bussed in
- 150 per day – 75/am; 75/pm
- 10-12 cars on course at same time
- Berms 10-15” high
- Dump truck with dirt will be brought in and obstacles built for a coned course to test drive “station wagon-like” vehicles.

Committee comments:

- Berms/obstacles and all sand/dirt would need to be removed for use by other permit holder. Water truck required for dust control
- Event permit fee is \$1300 per day; Leasesee hotels are not being used to house participants.
- Would the Coastal Commission need to review this permit?
- Staff: Would like to see video and then make decision. Committee would like to see their video.
- Concerned about summer moratorium
- Proper insurance showing type of event and actions – over and above regular insurance.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REVIEW (Continued)

Motion: Moved to approve event upon review of video, proper insurance and approval of Mission Bay Park District Manager Susan Gonzales.

It was moved/seconded (Peterson/Miller) and carried (8-0-0) to recommend approval of this event as presented with recommendations by committee.

WORKSHOP ITEMS (No actions will be taken, subject discussed by the committee)

101. Continuation of May workshop regarding Mission Bay leases. Report from Real Estate Assets Department:

Jim Barwick, Director of Real Estate Assets (READ) opened the discussion by giving some background on READ and history of Mission Bay Park. A 2005 audit of the city's Real Estate Assets Department (READ) showed incomplete inventories and mismanagement of city-owned property. Barwick met with the MBPC in July 2006 shortly after he took the director's position. Mission Bay leases are responsible for at least \$27 million in revenue dollars per year. Bob Otilie explained that Mission Bay Park leaseholders generate 40 percent of the city's total lease revenue, the Mission Bay Park Committee should not have been left out of the process. Mr. Barwick further explained new policies and procedures for handling City-owned property. A draft policy for selling and leasing city-owned property is scheduled to go before the city's Land Use and Housing subcommittee this week. Discussion followed regarding the role of negotiations vs. public documentation.

Mr. Barwick and the committee agreed that developing a clearly defined, transparent lease policy was critical to getting the maximum value for city-owned property.

102. Sportsman's Seafood – Remodel – Al Di Donato, Di Donato Assoc.; Gary Jones, City of San Diego - Real Estate Assets Department; Paul Jacob, Park and Recreation, Park Planning

Continued to July 10, 2007 meeting

103. Dredging the Bay – Is it Time? – Bob Otilie

Mission Bay Park is a man-made bay that is, according to Bill Evans of the Bahia Hotel, a very poorly designed, exercise in hydrology. Bill Evans, also a member of the Mission Bay Lessees Association said that his own boats cannot go out on the water during low tide because the low water level is too low and therefore is simply too dangerous when there is less than a foot of water under keel. In the past year, the Bahia Hotel was unable to use its boats on 42 days. Sgt. Bender of Fire-Life Rescue said that there have been no accidents so far due to lack of dredging.

Marshall Wiseman of Campland-by-the-Bay spoke and gave a brief history of dredging Mission Bay. He showed pictures of low tide that showed the changes in the Rose Creek Channel over the years. He also spoke of the negative economic impact of not being able to conduct business due to what he referred to as the dangerous and hazardous conditions. Paul Jacob also spoke of a report in 1990 that recommended the dredging and maintenance of the edge of the area by the Kendall Frost Reserve.

Communication:

Billy Paul: Spoke in support of an underwater survey regarding dredging.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent (The Consent Agenda will be acted upon, as a whole, with little or no discussion. Any one member of the Committee may move a Consent Item to Adoption.)

201. None

Adoption

301. Rose Creek Watershed Alliance – Ann Van Leer: Continued from May 1, 2007 meeting. Ms Van Leer requested that a representative from the Mission Bay Park Committee participate with the subcommittee formed by Council Districts 2 and 6 to work with the Alliance. It was moved to appoint a member of the Mission Bay Park Committee. Before it could be seconded, it was noted that it might be inappropriate for this committee to appoint anyone because of new members being appointed. Second motion was to name an “un-named” member.

It was moved/seconded (Levinson/Swink) and carried (8-0-0) to recommend a to be named committee member to participate in the subcommittee.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 501. Finance - None
- 502. Park Use - None
- 503. Permit – None –
- 504. Least Tern Nesting Sites - None

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORTS

- **Lessee Hotel Representative** - Moshen Khaleghi – Absent
- **Council District 6 Representative** – Rick Bussell – Reported that he is now the Chairperson of the Linda Vista Planning Committee.
- **Mission Beach Planning Board** - Pam Glover reported that she is the new chair of the Mission Beach Planning Board.
- **Council District 2 Representative** – Karl Jaedtke – Absent
- **Environmental Organization Sierra Club** - Richard Miller – thanked the members of the committee for their service to the communities over the past years.
- **Member at Large** - Bob Otilie –Introduced Rick Bussell as the new Chairperson. He spoke of the importance of the committee going forward and also of the need for the committee to go out into the park and meet with the lessees.
- **Member at Large** – Mike Pallamary – Absent
- **Stakeholder** - Don Peterson – OMBAC – Fantastic Coming Out Party.
- **Ocean Beach Planning Board** - Mindy Pellissier – Spoke of the fine group of people and the spirited community and thanked all for the opportunity to serve.
- **Lessee other than Hotel** - Ted Jardine – Spoke of his many years with the Committee and of all the changes in the park. He suggested that the Committee get out and about in the park and see the different areas. Mr. Jardine introduced Jim Greene and Mort McCarthy as new committee members.
- **Council District 2 Representative** - Judy Swink - Spoke of the wonderful experience with the committee and is going to miss the history that is leaving. The San Diego River Park event was a successful event with 14,000 people joining in along the San Diego River.

- **Clairemont Mesa Planning Group** – Vacant
- **Council District 6 Representative** - Ryan Levinson – Introduced Monica Fuentes and spoke of the changes he has seen, especially on Fiesta Island.
- **Pacific Beach Community Planning Committee** -Catherine Strohlein – Absent

ADJOURNMENT

Ted Jardine made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M., Bob Otilie seconded and it was approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Next regular meeting:

July 10, 2007
6:00 p.m.
Bahia Resort
Del Mar Room
Mission Bay
San Diego, CA 92109

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gonzales
District Manager, Mission Bay Park
Staff Representative